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VOICE

DORDT COLLEGE

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Sheila Bonnema chats with an elderly lady in the Sioux Center Hospital.

Volunteerism thrives at Dordt

A spirit of volunteerism spreading nationwide in recent years has gripped many students at Dordt, where a full-fledged volunteer program, coordinated and run by students, now reaches out to serve many people in the local community.

The Volunteer Program began almost five years ago as an arm of the Social Service Club under the supervision of Ken Venhuizen, associate professor of sociology and social work. "At that time," said Venhuizen, "there was no structured way for students to be part of any social service work off campus." There were many social needs in the community and many students at Dordt who could be very helpful to local people and agencies, so Venhuizen set about matching them up. A student coordinator was appointed to organize and administer the program, 40-50 students volunteered their time, and three agencies opened their doors and planned activities for the helpers.

For the first two years, many of the volunteers were social work, psychology, or special education majors. Last year, however, the social science division pushed to include more students from other disciplines and to give the program a firm place in the college. Today the program is still headed by a student director, but it now falls under the supervision of Director of Resident Life, John De Jager. Between 60 and 100 students volunteer at least two hours per

week in an area service agency.

Lin Nibbelink, this year's student director, considers the program "an opportunity for Christian service to come alive." By affording students an avenue for showing love and care to people who have particular needs, volunteering completes a Dordt education in a very concrete way.

Student volunteers work primarily in twelve social service agencies: Hope Haven, Sioux Center Community Hospital, Bethany Christian Services, and Pleasant Acres Care Center, to name a few. Volunteer jobs include helping mentally, physically, and emotionally handicapped children and adults get involved in outside activities: working with

educational agencies in talented-and-gifted programs; visiting, reading to, or playing games with elderly people; and reaching out to individuals in need of supportive relationships.

Nibbelink, as director, and four student coordinators administer the volunteer activities. Each coordinator works as a contact with two or three agency volunteer supervisors, assigning volunteers, arranging for transportation, setting up orientations, reviewing daily logs, and volunteering his or her time. Each one also keeps regular contact with both students and supervisors in an attempt to anticipate possible problems.

Rachel Raih, supervisor of volunteers for the Sioux Center

Community Hospital, says she looks forward to Dordt students coming each fall. "We have many volunteers, but the students seem particularly eager to be 'friendly visitors' to elderly people in the nursing wing who are often lonely. Students really seem to enjoy giving rides in wheelchairs, playing dominoes, reading books or magazines, and playing piano and singing together. And the patients? They love it!" Raih's only complaint, she said, is that the semester is over too quickly.

Raih also commented on the program's organization. "Their system of coordinators who keep in close contact saves us a lot of work. I enjoy working with the program very much."

Sharon Bakker, a senior elementary ed major - special ed minor, has been involved with the volunteer program since she came to Dordt. She shares with us some impressions and feelings about volunteering.

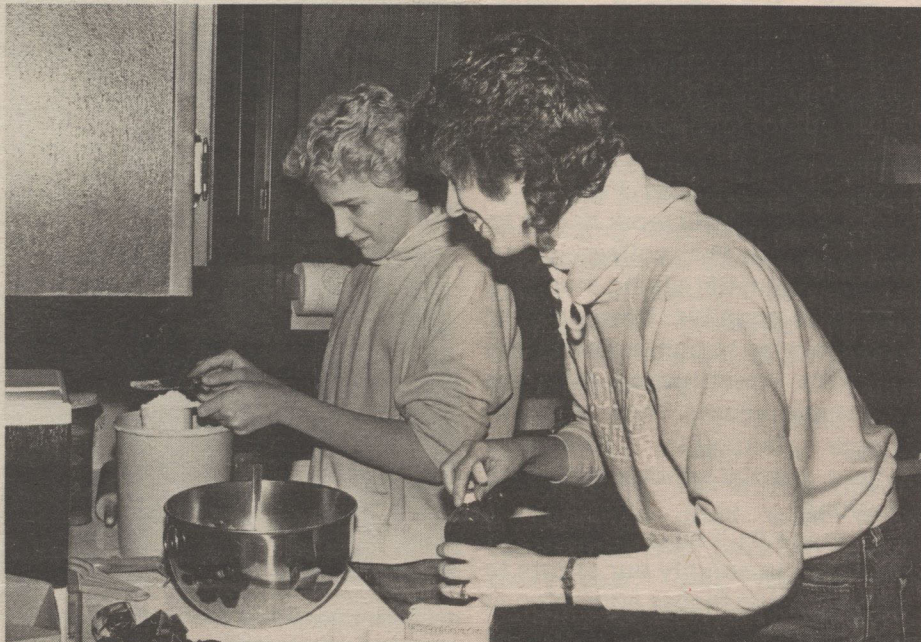
I have been a part of the Volunteer Program for the past three years and have enjoyed every minute of it. For two of these years I worked at River Valley School, a school for the mentally handicapped in Rock Valley, Iowa. Last year I also served as director of the program.

As a college student I spend a lot of time studying, running here and there, and getting assignments done. I began to feel a little selfish about being so wrapped up in only my own activities. The Volunteer Program provided an alternative for me; it enabled me to think of others as well as myself.

At River Valley I worked as a teacher's aid in a special education classroom. My time there gave the teacher more opportunity to spend individual time with her students. The students also enjoyed my friendship and company. They were quick to share their thoughts and experiences with me and eager to hear about my life at college.

Being a volunteer helped me in many ways. It made me feel needed by others and leaving campus for a few hours every week was refreshing, giving me new energy to continue with my studies. I also gained experience in my field and confidence in my abilities as a teacher. It was exciting to be able to connect my studies at Dordt with my experiences in the classroom.

I believe that volunteering is beneficial to everyone who participates. This has certainly been true for me; I know that wherever the Lord leads me I will be willing to volunteer and be of service to Him and others.



Rhonda Schelling bakes cookies with her volunteer PAL, Leni De Boer.

Aid for the 21st century

Heritage 21 Campaign increases financial assistance available to future students

Two hundred students per year could receive increased financial aid as a result of Dordt's new Heritage 21 Campaign.

Heritage 21 is a forward-looking campaign to afford future students the opportunity to receive a Christian education at Dordt College. Funds from the campaign will already be available for student aid within the next couple of years, but as the campaign name suggests, its primary goal is to ensure that funds are available into the 21st century.

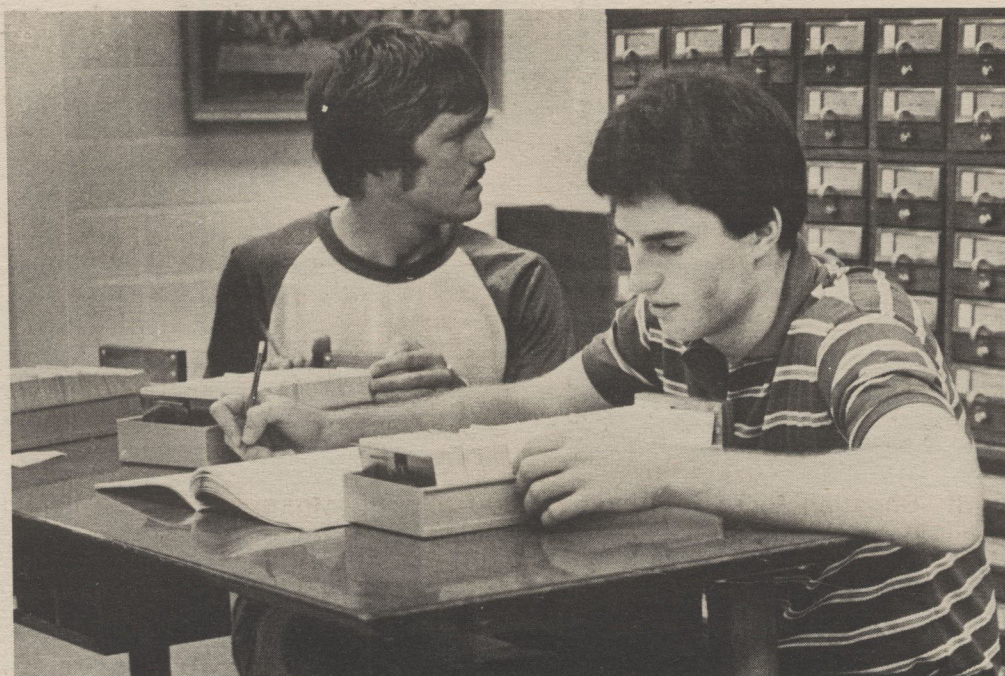
Lyle A. Gritters, Vice President for Development, says two things are happening in our society which make the campaign necessary. "First," he says, "the cost of education keeps rising dramatically. Students are having to take more and more bank loans—even if they work hard in the summer and during the school year. Secondly, other institutions that are more established and have longer histories are substantially increasing their student aid packages. This directly affects us at Dordt."

For Dordt to remain viable as an academic institution, for Dordt to be able to continue to offer the variety of programs it does, and for Dordt to maintain a reputable faculty, expenses must increase, according to Gritters. And for students to be able to afford a Christian college education additional funds will have to be provided.

Howard Hall, Director of Financial Aid, said that awards will be granted on the same basis as present financial aid packages. Financial aid processors such as the College Scholarship Service (CSS) or the American College Testing Service (ACT) analyze a student's need based on the parents' income, the student's assets, and the student's summer employment money. The need is then evaluated by Hall.

Heritage 21, according to Gritters, should be seen as a fund raising campaign in the tradition of earlier campaigns for such projects as the chapel, the Agriculture Stewardship Center, and the engineering building. With enrollment holding steady and most facilities built, financial aid is now one of the foremost challenges facing the college.

The funds received through the campaign will establish the Heritage Trust Fund. The ultimate goal, Gritters explained, is to establish a fund of \$2.5 million, with \$250,000 available for student aid each year. The aid given would be approximately 80 percent low



Work-study students John Obbink and Hilbert Vande Kamp help research bibliographic information for the math department.

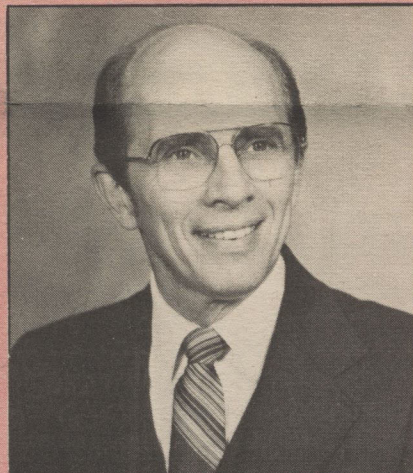
In planning the Heritage Campaign, we thoughtfully considered why constituents should be asked to supply funds for student aid. We concluded that this was a legitimate concern of the constituents because of our commitment to working communally for Christ's Kingdom.

In 1955 Dordt College, then known as Midwest Christian Junior College, was founded by the association of Reformed Christians to whom we are presenting this appeal. A primary concern of this committed group was that covenant youth receive a Scripturally-oriented higher education which would prepare them for Christian service. They were convinced that this kind of education is essential both for the future of the church and for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

But the parents of young people were not alone in establishing Dordt College. The whole community was involved. The community understood that parents **could not** and **should not** do this alone because the education of covenant youth is the responsibility of all who confess, "I believe in the com-

munion of the saints."

The financial cost of Christian higher education has always been a problem. For that reason, college students must often work during summers and even during the school year. Parents often assist their sons and daughters with tuition. The college has tried to ease the



Dr. J.B. Hulst

burden by offering a "package" which includes a number of financial aids. The government also has made grants and loans available to students who, along with their parents, demonstrate need.

But two things have happened recently which have raised this problem to a critical level. First, inflation has caused the cost of

higher education to skyrocket. Further, in an effort to tighten budgets and reduce deficits, the government has reduced some student aid programs, thus making the future of government assistance highly uncertain. Financial cost, therefore, has become a real hindrance to many young people who sincerely desire and are capable of benefiting from a Christian college education.

Along with Christian parents and young people, we at Dordt College are greatly concerned about this matter. For help in resolving this problem, we believe we may and must turn to those who acknowledge the Kingship of Christ in education; to those who believe that the well-being of covenant youth and the future of the Kingdom depend upon these young people receiving a Christian college education.

Lest financial costs keep our young people from receiving a Christian higher education, we are appealing to the community that had the vision to establish Dordt College to assist us in this campaign. And because we believe that that community continues to be driven by the Biblical vision of the Kingdom, we are confident that our appeal will receive a positive response.

interest loan and 20 percent grant. Loans would be set up on a revolving basis; monies would go back into the trust fund as they are repaid.

The Heritage Trust Fund is a long-range plan, but work needs to begin now if the college is to achieve its aim of helping students as soon as possible. Development personnel plan to contact everyone in Dordt's constituency over the next three years. They will encourage bequests, three-year pledges, special scholarships, and donations.

"Heritage 21," says Gritters, "is an attempt to solidify our efforts to make Christian higher education at Dordt possible for all those who really want it."



Director of Financial Aid, Howard Hall, outlines an aid package for Lori Vander Stoel.

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SPECTRUM

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What happened to the Dordtell?

Although this issue of Dordt College's alumni newsletter does not say **Dordtell** on the front page, rest assured. The newsletter has been given a facelift and a new name: **Spectrum**!

Last spring members of Dordt's administration and editorial staff decided together to make changes in the college's publication, the **Voice**. This fall the **Voice** was expanded from the usual six pages to a new 12 pages, with larger, more extensive articles. Circulation was also expanded to include all

Christian Reformed church members and many other supporters.

To complement the changes made in the **Voice**, the **Dordtell**'s name and format was also changed. The name **Spectrum** was chosen to express the idea that just as light breaks through a prism into an array of different colors, so as people we come together to Dordt College to learn, but we leave to different places and different careers.

The **Dordtell** was published five times a year with four to six pages.

The **Spectrum** will be published twice a year, in December and June and mailed with the **Voice**. Both issues of the **Spectrum** will have either four or eight pages.

The logo and design on the cover of this issue were designed by Sandra Vander Mey, art director for both the **Voice** and **Spectrum**. Vander Mey has taught art classes part time at Dordt for the past three years.

The **Spectrum** contains the same articles on births, marriages and alumni items that many alumni

enjoy reading, but there will also be a column each issue by Dale Walvort, Alumni Director, and the center-page spread will include three or four alumni features on alumni who have visited the campus or who live nearby.

So, although Dordt's alumni publication no longer says **Dordtell** on the front page, the **Spectrum** is now the new **Dordtell** with more pages, more pictures and more information on what's happening at Dordt College and with its alumni.

Homecoming gala auction attracts alumni

The 1983 Homecoming held Thursday, October 6 on the Dordt College campus went very well, according to Dale Walvort, Alumni Director, as \$2,600 was received in proceeds from the gala auction.

Approximately 440 people attended Homecoming 1983. Activities included a barbeque, an organ recital, swimming, movies geared toward children, and the auction. Many alumni reported that they enjoyed the auction and other Homecoming activities.

Alumni from Minnesota, Sioux Dakota and Iowa were invited with a personal letter. To encourage interaction, said Walvort, members of the Dordt College board of trustees and faculty were also invited. Announcements regarding Homecoming were printed in the June 1983 issue of the **Dordtell**; however, because the **Dordtell** changed format and was not printed as usual in the fall, alumni living further away from Dordt were not informed again about



James Schaap ('70) carves pork for the barbeque (left).

During Homecoming alumni and students share memories and good times (below).



Homecoming.

According to Walvort, he and the other alumni board members did not think alumni would come from great distances. "This Homecoming was a test project.



James Mahaffy ('70) eats potato chips while talking with Gordon and Beth (Woltersom) Brand ('74, '78) at the Homecoming barbeque.

Everyone was welcome, but we didn't advertise the event extensively because it was a springboard for bigger and better things," Walvort explained.

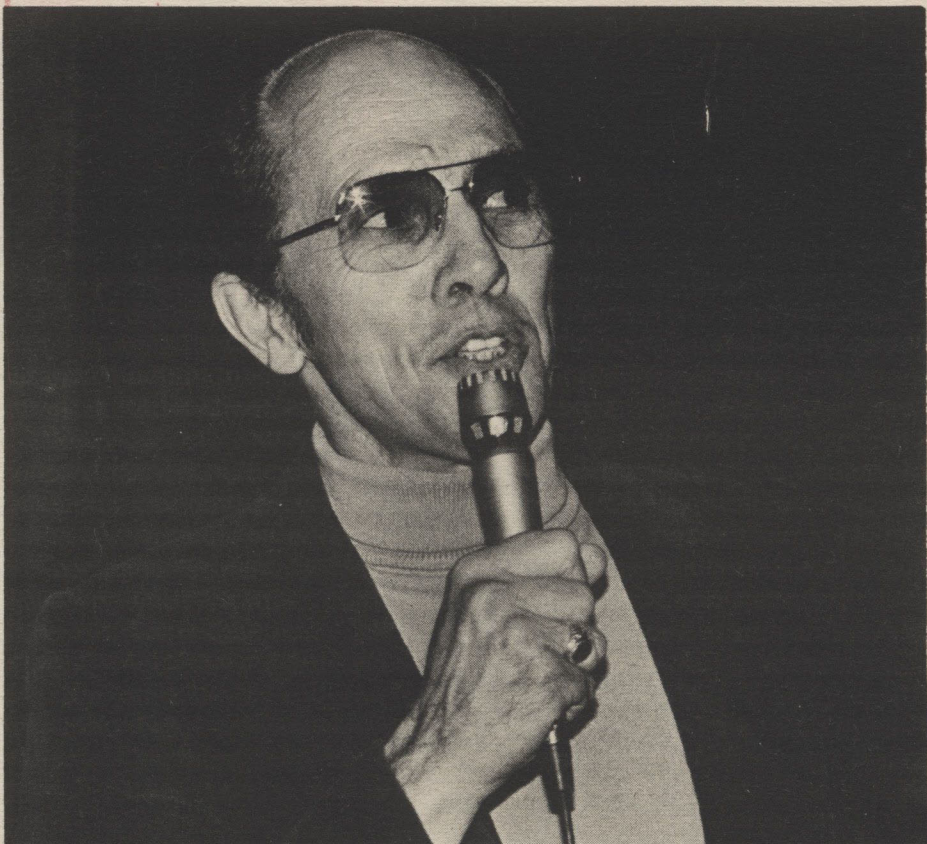
All items donated for the auction came from alumni and area businesses. The money collected from the auction will be used for increasing and promoting alumni scholarships for students attending Dordt. Presently the Alumni Association presents a \$350 Alumni Scholarship each spring to a junior student.

Next fall, the alumni board plans to have a similar homecoming, but with a different focus. "We don't want to be repetitious and have an auction every year," said Walvort, "our alumni are young and many have families, so we would like to keep

this a family night."

On Saturday, February 4, 1984, all alumni are invited to attend the men's basketball game against USD-Springfield at 7:30 p.m. in the Dordt College gymnasium. A free ticket to the game is enclosed on page 6 of this issue of the **Spectrum** and can be presented at the door. Refreshments will be served in the Commons following the game.

Alumni intramural basketball games are also tentatively planned for the afternoon. All interested alumni should write to Dale Walvort, Alumni Director, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250, before January 21, 1984, if they want to participate.



Dr. John B. Hulst shares his thoughts with alumni prior to the start of the gala auction at Homecoming 1983.

Contact with alumni to increase, says Hulst

In the following interview, Dr. John B. Hulst discusses the importance of alumni to Dordt College, his role in alumni-Dordt relations, and Dordt's plans in regard to its alumni.

Dr. Hulst, you have spoken at several alumni gatherings—would you comment on how you feel these gatherings have been received? What did you enjoy about them?

The meetings with alumni are just beginning for me as president. So far I have been pleased with the attendance and with the interest that has been shown, especially when I have shared with alumni Dordt's perspective and the direction the college intends to take in the future.

I enjoy seeing young people whom I came to know while they were here at the college. It is good to renew those acquaintances. It's also encouraging to see the places which many of our graduates now fill in the kingdom. Many of them are teachers, ministers, businessmen, engineers, and parents. Finally, I enjoy being able to update alumni concerning what's happening on campus, in the staff, and in the student body, because all of them seem so very interested in what's going on at the college. It's good to share things with people who are interested.

What future speaking engagements do you plan with alumni?

We plan several meetings. The Development Office has helped in making my travel arrangements for this year. If I'm going to be in a certain place; they not only plan for me to preach and to speak in high schools, but they're also arranging alumni meetings for Paterson, New Jersey; Phoenix, Arizona; St. Catharines, Ontario; Denver, Colorado; Visalia, California; Ripon, California; Seattle, Washington; Lynden, Washington; and Sunnyside, Washington.

Why do you feel your contact with alumni is important?

I think contact is important, first of all, to keep the alumni informed. We do that through the *Spectrum*; but I think it is just as effective or, perhaps because of the personal contact, an even more effective way to present this information at an alumni meeting.

Secondly, I think it's necessary to maintain this contact to indicate to alumni that we recognize their importance to the college. I don't think we can expect alumni to be interested in or enthusiastic about Dordt College if they feel we're ignoring them. We can say that they're important, but I think that by contacting them in this way, we can indicate that we do indeed regard them as important to the college.

Thirdly, we can refresh the alumni's understanding of Dordt's perspective. When I speak to alumni, that's one thing I try to emphasize—the perspective, the direction, the concern of the college to integrate faith and learning. And very often during a discussion or after a meeting, alumni will comment on how good and important it is to be reminded of what Dordt College stands for—after all, this is the perspective in which they've been educated.

How do you feel alumni are important to the college?

I think the alumni are important to Dordt College primarily because they symbolize, they exemplify Dordt's kingdom vision. They are living examples of that vision.

Dordt alumni are also important for financial support, promotion, and recruitment. Obviously, they can be of assistance to us in these areas—giving financial support to the college, promoting the cause of the college, helping to recruit students, and establishing scholarships. But I don't want alumni to think that Dordt regards them as important or that Dordt pays attention to them only when we want them to help us financially. The basic reason for maintaining contact with them is their importance as representatives of Dordt's commitment to be of service in Christ's kingdom.

When you speak with alumni in various areas, what are their concerns for Dordt College? Do these alumni ever give you suggestions for Dordt's future?

They do give me suggestions. First of all, they indicate to me that they hope and pray that Dordt will remain true to its Reformed perspective. Included is the concern that Dordt will maintain a high standard of student behavior and, at the same time, its warm, loving, and friendly campus spirit. They indicate also that they hope Dordt will continue to provide a good academic program and add new courses of study if necessary, which will meet contemporary kingdom needs.

They state further that they want Dordt to maintain contact with them, personally and through our publications.

Finally, alumni insist that they want Dordt to become increasingly visible throughout North America. They often say they would like to hear more about the college in the area in which they're living.

In general, how does Dordt plan to keep alumni close to the college?

We plan to increase our contact with alumni. Therefore, when we are on the road, we will incorporate meetings with alumni into our travel plans.

In our meetings we're going to inform alumni of our desire to help them organize—if they want to do so. We have a sample organizational form which we will share with them. We don't want to impose this structure on them, but if a group of alumni are interested in organizing, then we want to help. We also want to improve our alumni publications. We will continue our cooperation with alumni in financial campaigns, student recruitment and development of scholarship programs. In all of this, however, we must make clear that our purpose is to promote Dordt, not so much as an institution, but as a means to advance the Reformed perspective of the kingdom.

The alumni board members who helped with Homecoming 1983 were [back row, L to R] Kevin Kroese ('79), Keith Kreykes ('73), C.J. Verbrugge ('74), Dale Walvort ('78), [front row L to R] Viv (Boxum) Covey ('69), Marian (Walhof) Smit (ex '72), Helene (Hengeveld) Rietema ('71), and Cindy (Koldenhoven) Groeneweg ('81). Not pictured: Katie Haan ('65) and Mark Kauk ('76).



From DALE



Direct From DALE will be a regular column for each up-coming issue of the Spectrum.

In my travels for Dordt College, I am quite often privileged to visit with many alumni and to hear their views on Dordt. I have received important feedback on how Dordt can better serve its constituency and thus the kingdom, but I have also been asked many questions about certain aspects of the college. I enjoy answering questions like these in person, but now I'm happy to have this column to address some of the more popular issues so that all alumni can be kept better informed.

It seems fitting that in the first column I should talk about some basic issues concerning alumni. Many alumni have asked me

questions like "What is the Alumni Association?" or "I only went to Dordt for a year, so I'm not an alumnus, am I?" Quite a few alumni don't even know that they are alumni. Others who do, don't know they belong to an alumni organization.

Any person who attended Dordt for a year or more (whether or not he or she graduated) is considered an alumnus. All alumni belong to the Alumni Association, an international organization whose main purpose is encouraging a free, mutual and beneficial exchange of communication between the college and its alumni.

Because Dordt is a relatively young college, its Alumni Association is not as developed as those of other colleges. Dordt's alumni are also so spread out geographically that it has been hard to form an active Alumni Association; however, progress is being made. Alumni in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area, out of their desire to maintain the spirit of Christian fellowship they shared at Dordt College, have formed an active alumni chapter, complete with officers, a constitution, regular meetings, and a scholarship project. This chapter was largely self-initiated, and could serve as

an example for alumni chapters around the country.

This year 22 alumni gatherings will be held in areas with large concentrations of alumni. During these meetings, alumni and college staff will discuss Dordt College and its service in Christ's kingdom. Dr. John B. Hulst, Dordt's President, will attend 16 of these meetings, which we hope will lay the foundation for a more organized body of Dordt alumni.

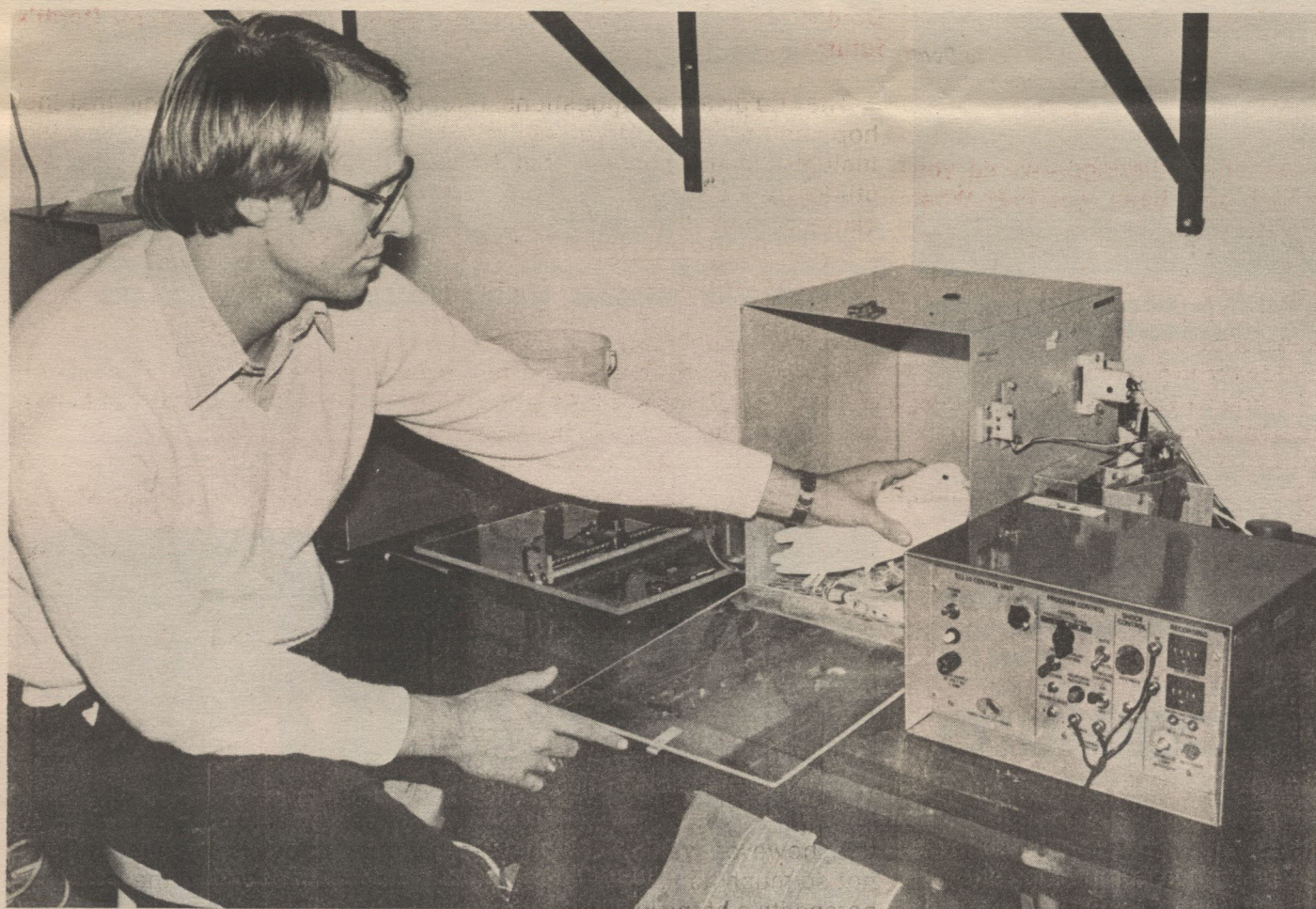
But why are we so concerned about alumni chapters and communication between Dordt and its alumni? Is our only task to promote an institution located in northwest Iowa? Of course not. All our efforts should move toward promoting the vision that the college and alumni share—that Christ should be King over all areas of life. Our duty is to promote this vision in everything we do. Apart from this vision, an organized Alumni Association means little.

Dordt College cherishes its alumni, and as alumni go through life, they become a valuable source of information on how Dordt can improve itself. Evaluation is very important if Dordt is to confront successfully the challenges it will meet in the future. Alumni have

many insights on how their kingdom perspective has influenced their experiences and accomplishments. These insights can be very valuable to Dordt as it helps young adults to live a Christian life in contemporary society. This feedback process occurs when alumni and college staff meet, talk, and share how this kingdom perspective manifests itself in their lives.

Dordt, in turn, has received many benefits from its alumni. In addition to direct financial and promotional contributions, alumni have done much to enhance the image and reputation of the college. Many people have been impressed with the commitment Dordt has to Christian education by witnessing how its alumni have served God in their church lives, occupations, or personal lives.

The college's deepest concern pertaining to alumni, however, is whether they feel they are better suited to serve God because of what they learned at Dordt and what Dordt stands for. Dordt's Alumni Association exists to promote this relationship.



Paul Moes ('77) holds the pigeon quiet, while demonstrating the psychology department's new research equipment. Dordt recently purchased the equipment from Westmar College.

Dordt acquires research equipment

This past summer Dordt purchased some psychological research equipment from Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa. The psychology department has already enthusiastically incorporated this new operant training equipment into its program. Students are presently using the equipment to study basic learning principles and behavior modification in projects with conditioned pigeons.

"The first step in the research process," said Dr. Paul Moes ('77),

the professor most involved with this research, "is training the pigeons. They must be a designated weight and must learn how to get their food. Once this is done, the researchers can shift the routines to study the learning patterns that develop."

The equipment is similar to that made popular by the well-known behaviorist, B.F. Skinner. "However," said Moes, "the usefulness of testing in this way is not limited to behaviorists—who

incidentally are becoming more and more scarce today." Cognitive theorists make use of similar equipment and data but interpret it differently. They look at behavior patterns as a learning process in which the learner, in this case the pigeon, tests out a series of hypotheses rather than responding to simple stimuli. According to Moes, a cognitive approach offers more flexibility for the Christian, allowing him to see more than a strictly mechanical being.

IN MEMORY

Jack Grotenhuis ('78) died Thursday, December 8, 1983, following injuries he received in a motorcycle accident two days before. Jack was born January 5, 1956. He received a B.A. in music education from Dordt College in May 1978, and an M.A. in music education from the University of Iowa in Iowa City in July 1979. From 1979-81, he taught music at Lynden Christian High School in Lynden, Washington. At the time of his death, he was pursuing a D.M.A. in choral music at Arizona State University in Phoenix, which he planned to complete in May 1984.

Jack was married to Kathy Sanderse ('82), who is originally from Calgary, Alberta. He is survived by his wife; his parents, Dale and Eleanor Grotenhuis; and three brothers, Bob ('81), Phil and Tom.

The Spectrum is the official alumni publication of Dordt College. The Spectrum is published twice a year in December and June to inform alumni about events occurring at Dordt College and about what is happening in the lives of their fellow alumni.

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THROUGH THE PRISM

Teeuwsen spends year in Holland



Chris Teeuwsen concentrates on the ivory keys of Dordt's Casavant organ this summer at the Liturgy and Music conference.

As a student at Dordt College, Chris Teeuwsen spent much of his time in the Chapel-Music Building, practicing the organ and taking organ lessons from Dr. Joan Ringerwole. Since then he has gone on to build a reputation as an excellent performer. He was on Dordt's campus this past summer to present an organ recital for the conference on Liturgy and Music in Reformed Worship and to talk about his plans for the coming year.

After Chris received an A.B. in music from Dordt in 1980, he then studied organ music at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, receiving an M.F.A. in performance and pedagogy in May 1983. In December 1982, he cut his first record of organ music, performing on the Wilhelm Organ at the Christ Church in Deer Park, an Anglican church in Toronto, Ontario.

Chris is presently in Holland, again doing what he loves best—playing the organ. He applied to several places in Holland and Germany when he decided to continue studying organ music. Although most students are accepted at no more than one place, he was accepted at two: the Sweelinck Conservatorium in Amsterdam, Holland, and the Norddeutsch Orgelakademie in Bunderhee, North Germany.

Chris's year overseas started

September 1. During the summer he plans to attend the annual festival in Haarlem, Holand. According to Ringerwole, the festival is somewhat like a summer course that students can take.

His trip to Holland, he said, is an extra, though he will be enrolled in a school. "I'll do quite a bit of recitals," he added. "It's not head-in-the-book studying, but an awful lot of playing."

Presently, said Ringerwole, Chris and Klaas Boldt, his music teacher from the Sweelinck Conservatorium, are traveling to see and play various instruments. He said he will play on new organs as well as on historic instruments from the 17th and 18th centuries. Chris has also played the organ in Haarlem and accompanied church services at the St. Bavof Kerk (Church) in Haarlem.

When Chris has finished his year of performing, he will receive a Performer's Diploma. He is not sure of his plans once he returns to his hometown of St. Catharines, Ontario, but he said he would eventually like to teach at a college or small university.

Editor's Note: Copies of Chris Teeuwsen's record of organ music can be obtained by writing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henk Teeuwsen, 9th St. Louth, R.R. 3, St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 6P9.

Zuidervaarts recapture memories at Dordt

When Martin and Brenda (Beckering) Zuidervaart visited Dordt's campus this summer in July, they saw a few big changes and several familiar faces.

The Zuidervaarts graduated from Dordt in May 1969. Martin received an A.B. in secondary education with a major in English and a minor in history. Brenda received an A.B. in elementary education with a major in English and a minor in physical education.

"I just can't get over it," Martin said after the Zuidervaarts toured the campus. "It's kind of hard to recount the memories when the place looks so different. We did run into Arnold Koekkoek [professor of history]. He didn't ex-

pect to see us, but he knew right away who we were when he saw us."

The Zuidervaarts also visited with Lou Kuiper, who heads the maintenance department at Dordt and supervised Martin when he was student custodian of the classroom building during his years at Dordt.

The Zuidervaarts currently live in Capitola, California, and were headed on their vacation to Pella, Iowa, where they both had taught after graduating from Dordt. Martin taught freshmen English at Pella Christian High School, and Brenda taught 2nd grade at the Pella Christian School.

After living in Pella for two years,

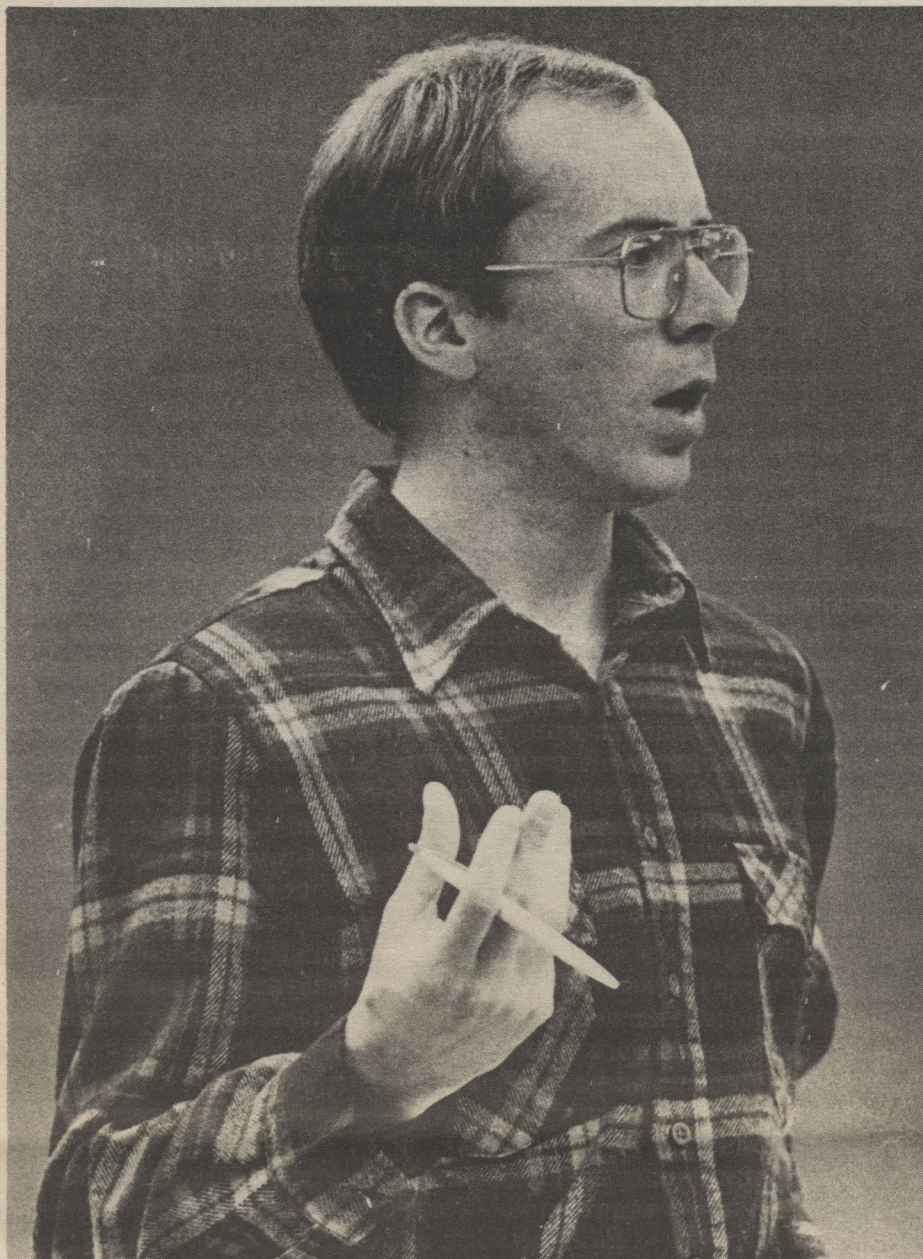


Martin and Brenda Zuidervaart and their two girls toured campus this summer on their vacation.

the Zuidervaarts moved to California, where Martin attended Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and received his master's degree in Christian Education. Brenda taught 3rd grade at Ontario Christian School.

They lived there through June 1974 before moving to Capitola.

Martin is presently working on his tenth year at Baymonte Christian High School, an interdenominational high school located in Santa Cruz. Besides



Ken Petersen takes the role of instructor as he teaches his first ecology course at Dordt.

Teaching is enjoyable for Petersen

Ken Petersen never really expected to return to Dordt College when he graduated in 1979, but this semester he did return—to teach a course in ecology and field biology.

"It had always been a dream of mine," Ken explained, "to return to Dordt in some capacity, either as a student or to teach. I never really expected it to happen."

Ken was approached last spring by Delmar Vander Zee, professor of biology at Dordt. Vander Zee was planning to teach a smaller load of courses and to spend the rest of his time working on research for the Dordt Studies Institute; thus, the biology department needed someone to teach part time.

After graduating from Dordt, Ken enrolled at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames where he earned an M.S. in wildlife biology in December 1982. He is currently working in a Ph.D. program in animal ecology at ISU. Because he did not plan to take any courses at ISU this semester, he was able to come to Dordt to teach.

So far, Ken has enjoyed his semester of teaching at Dordt. Preparing for his course, he said, has been more work than he anticipated, but Vander Zee has been a big help. His students, for the most part, are motivated and very sharp, Ken said. "I have good rapport with the students," he added. "I like the informal, relaxed atmosphere, and there's lots of communication between students and faculty."

This spring, however, Ken will return to southeastern Idaho, where he has conducted research for the past four summers at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL), a nuclear research facility.

Ken's research involves studying the ecology of birds in a sagebrush environment, specifically non-game birds such as sparrows and meadowlarks. This project is part of a larger project, funded by the government, to study the effects of fire on a sagebrush environment.

"My research," he commented, "fits as one little speck in the

whole big picture. . . . It helps to understand how the whole sagebrush ecosystem functions and what place the birds have in it and how they respond to alterations in the environment."

He studies the birds on several 15 acre plots. Each area is mapped out to mark the territories of all male birds and the habitats they prefer. Ken then studies what kinds of birds are there, how many are there before and after the rangeland is burned, and what types of things the birds prefer in their environment. He measures the vegetation, checks where the birds build their nests, how many eggs are in the nests, what the birds eat, and other information.

Ken began the research while he was working toward his master's degree. When he had almost completed his master's program, he realized the project could probably continue toward a doctorate. With the agreement of his major professor at ISU, Ken enrolled in a doctoral program which he hopes to complete in the spring of 1986.

Ken said he appreciates the education he got at Dordt. When he began his master's program at ISU, he realized he had a broader, general background in biological science than his fellow graduate students. However, because students at larger universities are more specialized as undergraduates, they are farther ahead in their course work when they reach the graduate level. Ken picked up several extra courses in order to catch up with his fellow graduate students at ISU.

"In the end," said Ken, "I consider my education at Dordt to have given me a plus above everyone else because I have the broad background in biology. And although I started out behind everybody else in wildlife biology, I feel I've made up that difference now. . . . I can look back now and really appreciate the four years I spent at Dordt, not only for the breadth of the study, but also for the Christian perspective, which has shaped a lot of my thinking and my work at ISU."

being director of guidance at the school, he also teaches a Christian Home and Family class, a required Bible class for seniors, and helps out teaching American English, English Literature and other English classes.

Martin's work as guidance counselor at the school involves working in a variety of different areas. He helps seniors with their college plans, works with financial aid, and testing, and offers vocational counseling for kids not going to college. He counsels students on personal and spiritual matters, helps interview parents of prospective students, and chairs committees for faculty work.

Brenda is a housewife, taking care of their two daughters, Rebecca, 8, and Amanda, 4. "We are committed to our family," Martin explained, but Brenda also does volunteer work outside the home. This past year, Brenda was superintendent of the 1st and 2nd grade Pioneer Girls. She also wants to catch up on various projects.

Martin's work at Baymonte and the education he received at Dordt College appear to be closely related. Back in the 1960s, Martin said, Dordt had just been accredited. "In terms of teaching," Martin commented, "I never had a

practical course on lesson plans, case studies—what you learn in a new teaching year." However, prior to his practice teaching, he said he benefited greatly from the philosophy, theory, values, and vision he received at Dordt. Professor James Koldenhoven, Martin added, inspired him the most as well as Professors Gerrit Rozeboom, James Veltkamp, and Louis Van Dyke.

The philosophy of education he received at Fuller Theological Seminary, he said, was very compatible with the philosophy of education he received at Dordt. And now that he is working at Baymonte, he has learned that some non-Dutch schools come out of basically the same philosophy of education that Dordt does.

"I feel privileged to share the Reformed perspective with the people I work with now," Martin added. "The school wants to integrate faith and learning and is very open to it. It's been neat sharing that perspective."

Because the Zuidervaarts are committed to their family, they plan to stay at Capitola for a while. "I still feel the Lord wants me there," Martin said. "There's still a lot to do there, so we'll stay a year at a time as the Lord leads."



(Signed)

ALUMNI ITEMS

Gary Regnerus ('73) of Orange City, IA, has been selected as a 1983 Fellow for independent study in the humanities by the Council for Basic Education, Washington, D.C. Each award from the National Endowment for the Humanities is for \$3,000. Gary, one of only 98 across the nation to be awarded the fellowship, was selected from over 1,000 applicants. His application was the only one approved from Iowa. Gary is a history teacher at Unity Christian High School in Orange City and will do a study of the history and literature of settlement in the Great Plains from 1860-1890.

Vicki Van Essen ('74), who has been a faculty member of the Ontario Christian High School in Ontario, CA, for the past six years, has won coaching honors for the second time. According to the Ontario **Daily Report**, Vicki was selected by the newspaper as the West Valley Coach of the Year. Vicki is the school's band and choir director, coaches girls' volleyball and softball, and is an assistant basketball coach. During the 1982-83 season, Vicki coached her Lady Knights' softball team to the playoffs for the CIF 1A crown.

Dr. Jerome and Yvonne (De Vries) Bentz ('76, ex '76) have moved to Platte, SD, where they are establishing a medical practice. The community welcomes a Christian doctor. The Bentzes have two children—Jonathan-4 and Kara-2.

Bill and Anne Helmus ('76) and their three children moved this fall to Ukarumpa, in Papua New Guinea, to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Bill will be the guidance counselor at Ukarumpa High School, will teach several history and religious courses, and will coach some athletics. Bill just finished seven years of teaching at Calgary Christian School in Calgary, AB. Anne's primary responsibility will be caring for the three children: Diana, Sean and Jonathan.

Robert J. Cromwell ('78) received the master of divinity degree on June 1, 1983, from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. He has been called to be pastor of Fayette City and Little Redstone Presbyterian Churches, both in Fayette City, PA. Redstone Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ordained and installed Rob on Oct. 16, 1983. He is married to **Susan Zylstra** (ex '81).

Calvin J. Van Essen (ex '78) received the Top Sales Person Award at the Realty World International Convention in March 1983. Calvin competed with 30,000 realtors from the United States and Canada. He won the award by closing over \$11 million in residential sales. He won third place for Exclusive Listings with over \$34 million in residential listings. For the second consecutive year, Van Essen was recognized by The Sales and Marketing Executives of Denver with the presentation of the Distinguished Sales Award as The Realty World Man of the Year. In addition to his real estate endeavor, Calvin was a featured speaker at the state "Realtor Rally" in February 1983 and is scheduled for the "Super Star Panel" at the State Realtor Convention in Colorado Springs. Calvin resides in Aurora, CO.

Gregg A. Bleeker ('79) was awarded the doctor of optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) in Chicago on May 22, 1983. During his four years of professional study at ICO, Gregg was president of the Beta Sigma Kappa Honor fraternity and a member of the Gold Key honor society, the Contact Lens Society, the Electrodiagnostics Society, Student Volunteers of Optometric Services to Humanity, and Omega Epsilon Phi fraternity. He also graduated as class valedictorian, received the Eugene Strawn Memorial Award, the Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal Award for academic excellence, and the James Blumenthal Functional Vision award. He was also selected to the National Dean's List and to Outstanding Young Men of America. He plans to practice optometry in a United States Air Force hospital in Great Falls, MT.

Robert J. Klein ('79) received his doctor of osteopathy degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, IA, on June 3, 1983. He is now doing a year's internship at Davenport Osteopathic Hospital in Davenport, IA, and looks forward to setting up his practice in Wellsburg, IA, next year. Robert is married to **Judy Schreur** ('83).

Dorenda Roos ('79) received her master of education degree in reading/language arts from Washington State University in Pullman. Dorenda lives in Sioux Center, IA, and teaches remedial reading at Rock Valley Christian School in Rock Valley, IA.

Glenn Vogel (ex '81) is presently in Ethiopia, Africa, with Mission Aviation Fellowship, being loaned to World Vision as a pilot and aircraft mechanic, according to his mother, Mrs. William Vogel of Alta Loma, CA. Glenn is involved in World Vision's famine project. He and three other men (two pilots and one mechanic) fly from sun up to sun down bringing sacks of grain (corn and wheat) and fafa (a protein food for the children). They carry approximately 4,000 lbs. of food each trip. Their record is 58,000 lbs. in one day. They also fly some of the more serious medical cases into Addis Ababa and medical teams into various camps. Glenn has been there for the last 15 months. The hours are long and living conditions poor, according to Glenn's mother, but for many thousands, this is their only source of food.

David Vander Schaaf ('82) finished his pedagogical work toward his M.S. in Hospital Administration at Governors State University in Richton Park, IL. He is currently serving a one-year administrative residency at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb, IL. His Wife, **Diane Schurman** ('83), passed her CPA exam and is presently working as a comptroller at Midwestern Savings & Loan in Macomb.

Laura Vander Windt ('82) presented a recital on October 22, 1983, toward her master's degree at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

Pam (Ruiter) Feenstra ('83) has been performing for several workshops at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, where she is working toward her master's degree in music. She is married to **Steve Feenstra** ('83).

Ena Kaastra ('83) has become part of the English Language Institute/China, an educational organization which sends English teachers to the People's Republic of China. She was accepted and her appointment was confirmed by the Foreign Experts Bureau of China. The teachers are there to "service and witness to the glory of God in China," Ena said. "It's not every day that Christians have such an opportunity to work for the Lord in a communist country."

Ena's one-year contract includes learning about China—the culture, the language, the people—and how to teach English to the Chinese. In late June she did preliminary studying, but in August, she spent most of her time in intensive training in California. She then went to China to teach at Xinxiang Teachers' College in Xinxiang, Henan.

"Although this coming year in China sounds very exciting, it is not going to be easy," she said early in the summer. "Therefore, I'm asking for your prayer support. There is much work to be done before I go and once I'm there, I'll have to adjust to a completely different setting. I'd like to know that there are friends on this side of the ocean who are supporting me in prayer."

Although Ena had to learn basic Chinese so she could communicate better with her students, she is teaching English in English. "That's fortunate," she said, "because learning Mandarin is not the easiest thing in the world. Their alphabet is just a bunch of symbols and drawings. Talk about confusing!"

Ena will also take occasional trips to Japan for conferences.

Her address is English Language Institute/China, P.O. Box 3694, Alhambra, CA 91803.

BECOMING ONE

Darlene Vanderbrug ('75) and Keith Struik were married on Aug. 5, 1983 in Edgerton, MN. They are now living in Sully, IA, where Darlene is teaching 4th grade at Sully Christian School, and Keith is employed at Star Auto Co.

Geraldine Folkerts ('78) and Al Attema were united in marriage on July 22, 1983. They now live in Edmonton, AB.

Janis Visser ('78) and Robert Iwema were married on July 16, 1982 in the Orland Park Christian Reformed Church in Orland Park, IL. They now live in Tinley Park, IL, where Bob is a truck driver. Janis, after five years of teaching, is now a homemaker.

Jeanette Brouwer ('80) and Duane Te Velde were married Dec. 28, 1982 in Escondido, CA. Jeanette

is a 2nd grade teacher at Lynden Christian School in Lynden, WA, and Duane is self-employed as a dairy farmer.

Gail Tinklenberg ('81) and Doug Achterhof were married on June 19, 1982 in Highland, IN. They now live in Munster, IN. Doug is a collections manager for ITT Diversified Credit Corp. Gail teaches 5th grade at Chicago Southwest Christian School.

Al Brandsma (ex '82) and **Rosalie Groot** (ex '84) were married Aug. 19, 1983 in Smithers, BC. Al works on a dairy farm with his father. Rosalie is a teacher's assistant at the Bulkley Valley Christian High School.

Renee Brommer ('82) and Bernie Klingenberg were married in California. They are now farming

on a family dairy in Hinkley, CA.

Karen De Boer ('82) and Jeff Althuis were married July 30, 1983 in the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. They live in St. Peters, MO, where Karen works as an assistant food service director for ARA in St. Peters. Jeff works as an aeronautical engineer for McDonnell Douglas in St. Charles, MO.

Rod De Graaf ('82) and **Karen Leep** ('83) were married July 2, 1983 in Martin, MI. They are living in Pease, MN, where Karen is presently teaching 1st grade in the Community Christian School. Rod is employed by the Farmers Home Administration in Pine City, MN.

Kathy Hall ('82) and Richard Sowder were married Aug. 13, 1983 in Coraopolis, PA. Kathy teaches

5th and 6th grades and music in the Robinson Township Christian School. Rich has recently completed seminary and is an intern at the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Sewickley, PA.

Thelma Wolters ('82) and Gene Vanden Berg were married May 27, 1983. They now live in Sunnyside, WA, where Gene is currently employed with a carpenter, and Thelma is a bookkeeper with a CPA firm.

Andrew Gorter ('83) and **Karen Byerly** ('83) were married on Aug. 6, 1983 in Kalamazoo, MI. Karen is employed by Calvin College working as the office coordinator for the Broene Counseling Center. Andrew will be attending Calvin Seminary in the spring.

FUTURE DEFENDERS

1970's

Richard and Eileen (Visser) Verver ('66, '70) joyfully announce the birth of Teri Joy, born Oct. 28, 1982. Teri joins brothers Ryan-5 and Kevin-3, and sister Kelly-2½. The Ververs reside in Seattle, WA, where Rich teaches history, speech and drama at Watson Groen Christian School.

Larry and **Shirleen (Meyer, '70)** Brown were blessed with another daughter, Larrisa Joy, born May 13, 1983. She joins Kyle-7½ and Marci-4½. The Browns live in Highland, IN, where Larry is a truck parts counterman, and Shirleen taught 3rd grade at Highland Christian School.

Chuck and Meg (Meiners) Vander Hart (ex '70) announce the birth of Shayleen Esther, born June 18, 1982 at her parents' home in the Walcott, IA, Mobile Home Court. Shayleen joins a brother, Aaron-9, and two sisters, Megan-6 and Kaylin-4. Chuck has an agency for Atlas Van Lines in Walcott.

Bryce and Phyllis (Dragstra) Fopma ('72, '72) were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Bethany Danielle, on June 2, 1983. Brady-5 and Blaine-3 welcomed her home. This is the Fopmas' 11th year of teaching at the Edgerton Christian Elementary School in Edgerton, MN.

Bob and **Winerva (Velkamp, '72)** Kramer rejoice in the birth of Kara Lynn, born Dec. 16, 1982. She joins Duane-3½ and Sheri-1½. The Kramers live in Lynden, WA, where Bob is an electrician and Winerva is a homemaker.

Fred and Marianne (Nieuwsma) Steensma ('72, ex '75) were blessed with the birth of Ryan Matthew, born Nov. 24, 1982. He is a brother to Jeremy-5 and Laura-3. The Steensmas live in Newton, IA.

Mark and Sally (Kramer) Van Zee (ex '72, '73) announce the birth of a boy, Aaron Mark, born April 5, 1983. He joins Marla Lynn-2½, Molly Jo-5 and Leah Beth-6½. Mark works for International Harvester in Lynden, WA, and Sally is a homemaker.

Cal and **Lois (Te Velde, ex '73)** Vanden Hoek were blessed with a baby girl, Deborah Jan, born Feb. 14, 1983. She joins Amy-9, Heidi-6 and Scott-4. Cal manages his own repair shop in Corsica, SD. Lois is a homemaker.

Tony and Harmina (Siebring) Jansen ('73, ex '74) announce the birth of Zachary Jon, born Sept. 8, 1982. He joins Sharlene-10, Anthony-8, Joel-5 and Lindsey Anna-1½. Tony is principal and teacher at John Knox Christian School in Surrey, BC.

Dennis and **Carla (Koopmans, '74)** Nibbelink joyfully announce the birth of Lori Beth, born Jan. 13, 1983. She joins Angie Dawn-2½. The Nibbelinks live in Sioux Center, IA. Denny is in plumbing and heating, and Carla is working part time in Remedial Reading in the Sioux Center Christian School.

Dan and Carol (De Kam) Netz ('74, '74) rejoice in the birth of a son on Easter Sunday morning, April 3, 1983. Brian Daniel joins sisters, Karen-4½ and Dawn-2. The Netzs call Jenison, MI, home, where Dan is the elementary principal of Jenison Christian School. Carol gives some piano lessons and is a homemaker.

Bruce and Carol (Veldhouse) Ribbens ('74, '72) rejoice in the birth of a son, Benjamin Joseph, born April 28, 1983. He joins Angie-7, Sarah-5, and Nathan-2½. Bruce is an electrician in Pella, IA, and Carol is a homemaker and occasional substitute teacher.

David and **Karen (De Young, ex '75)** Beilfuss rejoice in the birth of Jonathan David, born Aug. 2, 1983. The Beilfusses live in Pequannock, NJ, where David is Quality Assurance Manager for a pharmaceutical company, and Karen is a homemaker.

Bill and **Nancy (Kroeze, '75)** Kingma announce the birth of Bonnie LaNae, born May 14, 1983. She joins Kevin-3. Nancy is a homemaker, and Bill farms near Hawarden, IA, and drives truck.

Joel and Gwen (Kalsbeek) Peters ('75) announce the birth of their son, Craig Daniel, born April 26, 1983. He joins Shelly Ann-2. The Peters live in Denver, CO, where Joel is Process Technology Manager for Keebler Co., and Gwen works part time as a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital.

Duane and Sheryl (Schrotenboer) Plantinga ('75, ex '75) announce the birth of Jonathan Michael, born July 16, 1983. He joins Benjamin-5 and Jeremy-3. Duane is the principal of the Red Deer Christian School in Red Deer, AB. Sheryl is a full-time homemaker.

Robert and **Evonne (Geerdes, ex '75)** Thomas announce the birth of Megan Suzanne, born Nov. 21, 1983. She joins a sister, Courtney Nicole-3. They live in San Diego, CA, where Bob is manager of a service station. Evonne is presently a full-time homemaker.

Jerry and Sandy (Vande Kamp) De Groot ('76, '76) welcomed a third child, Mark David, on July 9, 1983. He joins Kimberly-4 and Darren-3. Jerry is presently teaching junior high school mathematics at Pella Christian Grade School, and Sandy is a homemaker, piano instructor and church organist.

Bill and Anne Helmus ('76) with joy in their hearts and with praise to God are proud to announce the birth of Jonathan William, born Dec. 19, 1982. He was born three months premature (2 lbs., 10¼ oz.) and he came home Feb. 25, 1983 (4 lbs. 14 oz.). He is doing very well. Praise the Lord! Jonathan joins Diana-4 and Sean-1½.

Doug and Carla (Runia) Vande Griend ('76, '76) rejoice in the birth of Zachary Peter, born April 14, 1983. The Vande Griend live in Salem, OR, where Doug has his own law practice and computer business. Carla has been teaching 3rd and 1st grades and music for the past seven years and now plans to be a full-time homemaker.

Jeris and **Marie (Van Egmond, '76)** Vermeer announce the birth of Karry Marie, born March 26, 1983. She joins Nathan Randall-19 months. The Vermeers live near Maurice, IA, where Jeris farms, and Marie is a homemaker.

Bob and **Marla (Hengeveld, '76)** Volkers announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Jean, on March 15, 1983. She joins Melanie-2 and Roxanne-1. They live near Volga, SD, where Marla taught at Volga Christian School and Bob farms.

John and **Beverly (Zylstra, '77)** Coombs announce the birth of Jill Christine, born July 19, 1983. Jill joins a sister, Jennifer-19 months. John and Beverly are engaged in farming near Latimer, IA.

Jim and Pat (Brouwer) De Koekkoek ('77, '74) announce the birth of Lynn Christine, born Dec. 27, 1982. She joins Gail Allison-3. The De Koekkoeks live in Bothell, WA. Jim is a District Sales Manager in Mobile Communications for the General Electric Co.

Alex and Terri (Vander Griend) Kaiser ('77, '78) announce the birth of Janice Lynn and Joy Marie, born July 7, 1982. The Kaisers live in Lantana, FL. Alex is a building contractor. Terri was teaching and coaching at Lake Worth Christian School but is now at home.

Don and Jan (Quinette) Koops ('77, '78) announce the birth of their son, Brent Richard, born Oct. 10, 1983. They reside in Osborne, KS, where Don is Assistant Vice-President for First of Kansas Savings, and Jan is now a homemaker after teaching elementary school for the past five years.

John and **Trudy (Borduin, ex '77)** Van Beekum announce the birth of Jonathan, born Oct. 1, 1982. The Van Beekums live in Wyckoff, NJ. John is employed as an electrician with Algera Electric In., and Trudy is Bell Choir Director at their church. John and Trudy are also Amway Distributors.

Steve and Shelly Van Sant ('77) joyfully announce the birth of Brandon Anthony, born Feb. 24, 1983. He is their first child. The Van Sants live in Visalia, CA. Steve teaches 5th and 6th grades at Central Valley Christian in Hanford, CA.

John and **Edna (Reitsma, ex '78)** Bosman thank God for their son, Eric Paul, born Feb. 6, 1983. He joins Cheryl-2. John is a dairy equipment installer, and Edna is a homemaker who volunteers part time as a librarian in Listowel Christian School in Listowel, ON. The Bosmans live in Palmerston, ON.

Carl and **Ruth (Wester, ex '78)** Hofland announce the birth of twin girls, Michelle Sarena and Melissa Renae, born Sept. 19, 1983. The Hoflands live in Sioux Center, IA, where Carl works at Corner Motor Supply, and Ruth works part time for KDCR at Dordt.

Dr. Darrel and Mary (Brand) Kraayenbrink (ex '78, '78) rejoice in the birth of their second son. David Arend was born July 17, 1983. He joins Nathan-3. Darrel has been establishing a veterinary practice in Platte, SD, for the past year. Mary is a helper and homemaker and also worked in the Platte Hospital as a laboratory technician.

Jon and Corinne (Mullins) Bakker (ex '79, '77) announce the birth of Deborah Janelle, born Nov. 26, 1982. She was welcomed by Lynette Renee-2½. The Bakkers recently moved from Kansas City, MO, to Ames, IA, where Jon is a civil engineer for the Iowa Department of Transportation, and is working on his master's degree at Iowa State University. Corinne is presently working at home.

Dr. Robert and Judy (Schreur) Klein ('79, '83) are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Sharon Elaine, born July 14, 1983. Bob is an intern at Davenport Osteopathic Hospital, and Judy is a homemaker at present.

Richard and Fern (Van Houten) Kobes ('79, '78) are happy to announce the birth of Katrina Marie (Katie), born Sept. 9, 1983. The Kobeses live in Sioux City, IA, where Rich works as a production supervisor for Rochester Products Division of General Motors. Fern was working for the Weller Company but now is a full-time homemaker.

Barry and Lori (Van Dyke) Miedema ('79, '79) announce the birth of Mark Andrew, born July 29, 1983. He joins a sister, Darcy-2. The Miedemas live in Ontario, CA, where Barry teaches and coaches at the local Christian high school.

Jack and Joann (Versteeg) Oudman ('79, '79) rejoice in and announce with thanksgiving the birth of Jordan Aaron, born June 3, 1983. Proud sister is Tamara Faith-2½. Jack is presently employed on his father's farm in Taber, AB. Joann keeps active as a full-time mother and homemaker.

Gene and Lois (Boersma) Reichert ('79, '77) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Michelle Alisha, born June 26, 1983. The Reicherts are living in Lansing, IL, where Gene is music instructor at Lansing Christian School, and Lois is a household executive.

Daryl and Cindy Vander Well ('79) announce the birth of Lindsey Joy, born June 22, 1983. She joins her brother, Darin-2½. The Vander Wells live in Prinsburg, MN, where Daryl teaches business and physical education.

1980's

Ivan and **Diana (Groenewegen, ex '80)** Mast announce the birth of James Ivan, born April 29, 1983, a little brother for Fred-2. Ivan has just completed the 1982-83 season playing 2nd trombone with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Diana is presently a full-time mother and homemaker.

Cal and **Barb (Van Soelen) Ahrenholz** ('81, ex '82) announce the birth of Joseph Lee, born Sept. 6, 1983. They reside in Prinsburg, MN, where Cal is bookkeeper for the Prinsburg Elevator, and Barb is a Registered Nurse at the Willmar Hospital in Willmar, MN.

Curt and Pat (Kreykes) Ahrenholz ('81, '79*) announce the birth of JoHanna Beth, born Oct. 23, 1983. They will be moving to Orange City, IA, in December where Curt is working as an accountant for Rural Electric Cooperative. Pat works as a secretary in the Development Office at Dordt College.

Jim and Cindy (Vande Vegte) Kroon ('81, '80) praise the Lord for the birth of Nichole Lynn, born April 11, 1983. Jim works at Gulker Feed & Grain in Hudson, SD, and Cindy works part time at Oostra, Bierma & Schouten in Sioux Center, IA.

Curt and Pam (Kreykes) Voss (ex '81, '81) announce the birth of Grant Howard, born Nov. 21, 1983. They reside in Tempe, AZ, where Curt works as a dairy herdsman for Goldman Dairy Inc., and Pam works for the Arizona Bank.

Alan and **Brenda (Kallemeyn, '81)** Kempers announce the birth of Corey Alan, born April 19, 1983. They live in Sioux Center, IA. Alan works for the City of Sioux Center, and Brenda works part time at Hy Vee Food Store.

Casey and Pearl (Jongsma) Ovinge (ex '81, ex '82) announce the birth of Kerri Beth, born May 28, 1983. She is a sister for Darren Luke-1½. The Ovinges farm near Scandia, AB.

Lee and Gwen (Swets) Veltkamp (ex '81, ex '81) announce the birth of Joseph Lee, born August 27, 1983. He joins a sister, Jennifer-2. The Veltkamps live near Manhattan, MT, where Lee is farming in partnership with his brother.

Mark and Becky (Butler) De Waard ('82, '82) announce the birth of Joseph John, born Aug. 26, 1983. The De Waards live in Clear Lake, IA. Mark works as a commodity broker for FG&L Commodities in Mason City, IA, and Becky is a loan counselor at the Mutual Federal Savings Bank in Clear Lake.

Brian and **Deb (Boot, '82)** Zeutenhorst announce the birth of Alicynn Rae, born Aug. 3, 1983. The live in Chandler, MN, where Deb is teaching 3rd and 4th grades in the Chandler Christian Grade School. Brian is attending Southwest Minnesota University in Marshall.

Steve and **Nancy (Sybesma, ex '83)** Vander Pol rejoice in the birth of Russell Roland, born May 23, 1983. Nancy gives piano lessons and is a homemaker. Steve works on road construction and has his own body shop in Harrison, SD.

*Graduated with a two-year Association of Arts degree in secretarial science.

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Concert choir rehearses a piece for their tour.

Choir prepares for Europe

The Dordt College Concert Choir will travel to Europe for this year's annual spring tour. For the students involved, the trip promises to be the highlight of their college choir days.

The choir will leave Dordt on May 11, graduation day, traveling first to Michigan for a series of concerts in various Christian Reformed churches. On May 15 they will fly to Amsterdam for two weeks of concertizing. While there the students will stay with families in the cities on their itinerary. Twelve concerts are planned in the Netherlands and two in Germany. Christian Teeuwsen, a 1980 graduate of Dordt who is presently studying in the Netherlands, will accompany the choir as they perform in several historic Dutch churches.

Although the choir year goes on much as usual, many of the concerts and musical events have been designed to help raise funds for the tour. Early this fall the choir divided into two groups and presented weekend concerts in Christian Reformed churches in Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. They performed a

number of Psalm arrangements included in the series of Psalm recordings that the choir has made over the past few years. The madrigal dinners, a traditional Christmas celebration put on by the music department, also helped finance the tour.

The biggest fund-raising effort was called "Day in the Window." On Saturday, Dec. 10, the choir held a sing-a-thon for Sioux Center shoppers. Choir members sang in a downtown store window for eight hours to help pay expenses.

In addition to the money raised, each student will contribute \$400 toward the trip, and the college will add the yearly budgeted tour amount.

Construction nearly completed on maintenance center

A campus maintenance center may seem an unlikely place to find a group of computer science students, but for now that is where many of Dordt's computers will be located.

A 5,000 square foot addition to the maintenance center, now under construction, will house some of the 25 new micro-computers that arrived this fall. The arrangement is a temporary solution to a lack of space for the growing number of micro-computers on Dordt's campus. Plans for permanent computer science facilities are currently being discussed by the long-range planning committee.

Besides providing immediate space for the new computers, the present addition will create necessary storage space for the maintenance department. A moveable wall will divide the large room as needed for these two uses.

The addition, which will cost the college about \$108,000, is expected to be completed by January 13, 1984.

Ag dept. receives grant

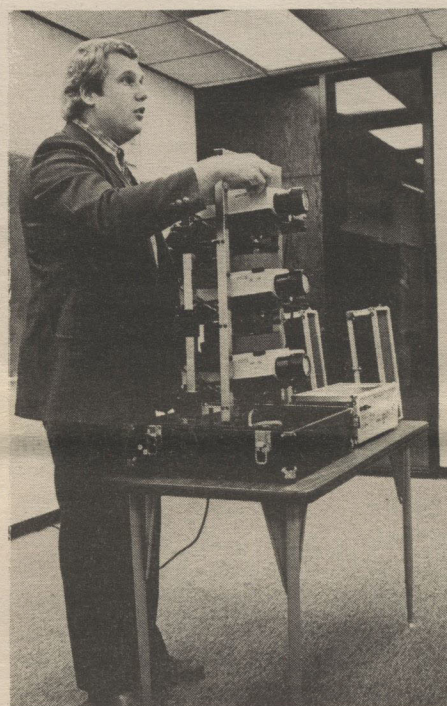
The Dordt agriculture department recently received \$2,808 worth of farm-related computer software from the Ag Disk Education Foundation. Ag Disk, a company that offers a wide variety of computer programs for agriculture, hopes that such grants will promote a better understanding of the benefits of microcomputers for farm businesses.

The grant provides funding at three levels. Part of the grant is funded 100 percent, the second part requires matching funds from the college—Ag Disk paying 90 percent and Dordt 10 percent; the third level matches the college 80 percent to 20 percent. As a result, Dordt has received \$3,205 worth of software at a cost of \$397.

These programs are currently being used in two farm management courses to calculate the break-even point on a variety of farm enterprises. Duane Bajema, instructor in agriculture, said the software illustrates the possibilities for detailed planning and accounting in farm management.

A wide variety of programs are included in the package grant: budgeting, crop/livestock profit projecting, crop record keeping, market charting, swine record keeping, and six others. The department will be using these programs more extensively and in other courses in the coming years.

Admissions takes to the road



Hamstra shows slide presentation.

Epema visited communities in western Canada and the western U.S. Howard Hall, Director of Admissions, also traveled to several areas. During November and December the counselors moved east, visiting Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Florida, the East Coast, and Ontario, Canada.

This fall the counselors were occasionally joined by other members of the college. Professor James Schaap joined Hamstra in California for a week of public readings, class presentations, and recruiting. Dr. Hulst met Hall in Thunder Bay, Ontario, giving presentations in both CRC churches there.


A new audio-visual program using three projectors and a dissolve unit has become an important part of the recruiting visits. The 16-minute presentation includes 230 slides of the campus and students. With this show the Admissions Office hopes to give a well-rounded picture of what a year at Dordt is like.

From January through March the counselors make callbacks to communities they visited the first semester. If you would like a personal call, please call the college collect at (712) 722-6080, and they will be happy to contact you.

Dordt receives \$50,000 bequest

Late last year Mina Holtrop, a long-time supporter of Dordt College, passed away. She and her husband Sam, who had died not long before, had owned and operated Sam's Variety Store in Sioux Center for many years. Sioux Center residents and Dordt students depend on Sam's Variety Store for a multitude of large and small household items.

The Holtrops named Dordt College and six other charitable organizations as beneficiaries of their estate. The percentage that went to each institution varied, but Dordt's bequest totaled more than \$50,000. The college is grateful to God for the desire he placed in the hearts of the Holtrops to promote His Kingdom in this way.


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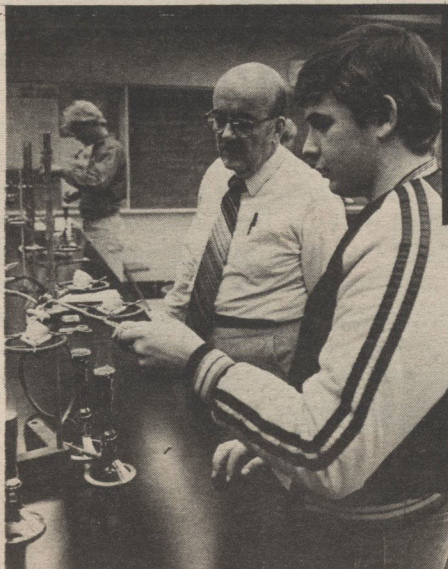
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Faculty News

The March Issue of the **Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation** was devoted to the question *Is there Unity in Creation?* Dr. Russell Maatman, professor of chemistry, edited the articles which emerged from a symposium he had initiated.

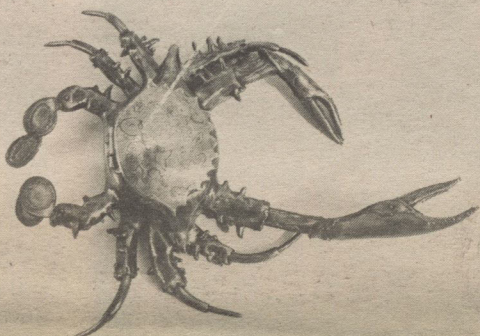
Maatman also contributed a chapter to the recently published book, **Heterogeneous Catalysis: Selected American Histories**. The book is part of the American Chemical Society Symposium Series. Maatman's chapter is titled *Attempts to Measure the Number of Active Sites*.



Maatman overseeing a chemistry experiment (top).

Crab Container by Sandra Vander Mey (bottom).

Ringerwale and student at Dordt's organ (opposite).



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Sandra Vander Mey, instructor in art, recently had an artwork entitled *Crab Container* accepted for the Sioux City Art Center 1983 Biennial. The exhibit was open to all types of media from artists in eight upper midwest states. *Crab Container* is a crab shaped box made of copper with a lid constructed by an ancient Korean method of lamination called "mokume gane." It was one of 100 pieces selected from nearly 400 entries.

Fred De Jong, instructor in sociology, has received a \$28,000 grant from the Northwest Area Foundation. The grant, which is being administered by a local agency, will be used to set up and fund an advocate program for poor, rural, elderly people.

Students in the Social Science Research course that De Jong teaches are doing research to provide background information for the agency and the volunteers working with the project. De Jong is the consultant for the project.

Dr. John Zinkand, professor of classical languages, spent this past summer at Tyndale House in Cambridge, England. He continued research he began during his leave two years ago and took part in the Tyndale Lectures and Study Conference held there in July.

Zinkand, after examination by Classis Sioux Center of the Christian Reformed Church, was admitted to the ministry of the Word and Sacraments of the CRC. He was previously affiliated with the Reformed Church in the United States, Eureka Classis.

Edward Lotterman from Dordt's economics department was selected as a contributor for the second edition of **Great Ideas for Teaching Economics**, a book published by Scott, Foresman and Company. His article, *Revealing Time Preferences: A Bidding Game*, was chosen from a large number of submissions by economics educators.

Dr. Mike Vanden Bosch, professor of English, was selected as one of eighteen participants in the Christian College Coalition/NEA Workshop for Christianity and the arts. This one-week workshop will be held at Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Oklahoma, January 7-13, 1984.



A new record, **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**, performed by Dr. Joan Ringerwale on Dordt's Casavant organ, is now available in the Dordt College Bookstore. Like her earlier recording, **Dedicatory Organ Recital**, the new record was originally performed as a recital in the college chapel. The recording features several contemporary arrangements of familiar psalms and hymns and includes six psalm arrangements; a toccata on "Now Thank We All Our God"; preludes on "Jesus Lover of My Soul"; "Dust to Dust the Mortal Dies"; "Just as I Am"; and Old Hundredth. The pieces were written by a variety of composers including Max Reger, Healey Willan, Seth Bingham, and others.

Ringerwale is enthusiastic about the recordings, partly because they provide a service to the Reformed community. As a Christian musician and organist, she devotes part of her time to making others aware of good music that church organists can play. That commitment becomes particularly obvious when she talks about the Psalms. She speaks of the rich musical literature that is such an important part of our tradition, but also of the need to keep people aware of new compositions that carry on this tradition. Ringerwale hopes that recordings such as these will be a means of introducing such compositions to organists who may not have easy access to good psalm literature.

Another reason for Ringerwale's enthusiasm is the Dordt organ. "For an organ of its kind and size," says Ringerwale, "it is one of the finest instruments in the United States, and especially the Midwest."

Both organ records can be purchased by ordering them from the Dordt College Bookstore, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

James C. Schaap, associate professor of English, had several stories published this fall in a wide variety of periodicals. *Kidney Stones* appeared in the **Church Herald** on October 21, *Revival Fires* in **Campus Life** in November, *Mason Tender* in the **Reformed Journal** in October, and *Cold Meats* in the fall issue of **South Dakota Review**, a widely respected literary magazine.

Dale Grotenhuis, professor of music, has been commissioned to write several choral works. This past summer he wrote a piece for choir, organ, and brass for the RCA synod. The composition will appear in their new hymnal. Other commissions include a work for the concert choir of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, another for their women's chorus, and a piece for the high school choir of Mason City, Iowa.

Grotenhuis has also had four new choral works published by Senson Music Publishers, Curtis Music Press, and Lawson-Guild Association.

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